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Dear Mayor Candell, Vice Mayor Anduri, Councilmembers Dawson, McCormick, and Cervantes,

I realize I wrote a rather lengthy response to Item 14C on the agenda regarding support for the opposition letter of SB 79. So I promise this will be short.(er)

Much of what I iterated in that letter applies to this lawsuit as well. Now that our HE is actually officially certified, as has been announced, that makes fighting this lawsuit all the more important for the people of Lafayette. We have spent so much money, and so much time, the staff, the GPAC, the planners, and all the people in the community who volunteered so many hours to get this Housing Element done, and it is officially now certified by the State of California.

But this entity, and I won't even honor them with their name since they don't want to honor the City of Lafayette with anything close to the truth or fairness or good will, wants to bring a lawsuit stating that the city is "breaking the law"?? It is preposterous and insulting and degrading and disrespectful and some other words that I probably should not put in print.

So I am very glad that Lafayette is taking a stand and defending the people of Lafayette, and our right to live in Lafayette, as we always have, in a democratic society, where people have the freedom of choice of where and how they live. I hardly think that, for example, if I don't like the way someone is dressed, that I would have the right to drag them into court and sue them because I "don't like them"?? I mean, doesn't that sound ludicrous to you, because it sure does to me? But these groups are going around not just the Bay Area, but Southern California as well, seeing what cities they can bully and intimidate and harass and attack. They, of course, are well-funded, so they can afford to file these lawsuits. The billionaires apparently have limitless funds to finance Donald Trump AND the YIMBY movement as well. I am quite ashamed, I must say, that these people claim to be Democrats - but they don't believe in democracy!!

Again, I am very glad that the CC and Staff are going to "vigorously" defend ourselves against this lawsuit. I would just like to say that I believe this kind of lawsuit warrants a countersuit for maliciousness and frivolous content, since none of their claims are founded in truth or fact. And I know that Mala said her firm will be representing us; but I just wanted to add that there are many fine attorneys in Lafayette who might be willing to lend their expertise to the cause - Daniel Horowitz, Scott Sommer, and the Contra Costa Tax Association attorney, whose name escapes me at the moment (sorry!), but he is a Lafayette resident.

Thank you again, for FINALLY standing up for all of us! We ALL need to feel safe in our own homes, and right now, it feels like we are under attack - JUST for being Lafayette! They want to steal our identity as a community, and there is something very very morally wrong with that. I'm a proud suburban girl, and I have the right to BE a proud suburban girl!

Thank you, Susan, Carl, John, Jim, Gina, Joanne, Tracy, Niroop, Gregg, Mala, et al the people who will be working toward a positive outcome for this lawsuit!

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P.S. and of course, any help I can provide, please do not hesitate to ask.